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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response and Amendment.

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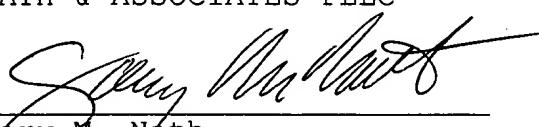
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 25, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire November 25, 2003, making this a timely filed response.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: